

A SCRIPT-BASED METHOD FOR UNATTENDED CONTROL AND FEATURE
EXTENSIONS OF A TV OR SETTOP BOX DEVICE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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10 A shell is provided within a video receiver for
running at least one script controlling the channel(s) to
which the video receiver is tuned during associated periods
for display, recording, or both of selected broadcast
programming. The scripts are structured to select content
based on user-specified descriptive criteria such as title
or description keyword, together with associated user-
defined priorities, applied in cases of multiple concurrent
matches, and user-defined conditions regarding existing
15 viewing of other content, viewer identity, or the like.
Scripts may be generated by the viewer or transmitted to
the video receiver from an external source for selective
execution by the user. Control extension and customization
over the video receiver is thus provided without
20 replacement of the firmware or portions thereof.